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Via Overnight Courier

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Telecommunications & Energy

One South Station

Boston, MA 02110

RE: Rulemaking, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, and c. 25, to establish rules governing the unbundling of services related to the provision of natural gas, Docket No. D.T.E.. 98-32-E

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Reliant Energy Retail, Inc. hereby submits its Reply Comments on the proposed gas unbundling regulations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Gordon J. Smith

Counsel for Reliant Energy Retail, Inc.

cc: Hearing Examiner A. Quincy Vale (*via* internet)